

# GETTING STARTED: FORMING THE PARTNERSHIPS

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# **PARTNERSHIPS IN BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY**

- City/County Government
- State Transportation Cabinet
- Local Non-profits
- Health Professionals
- Concurrent Master Plans
- Private Property Owners



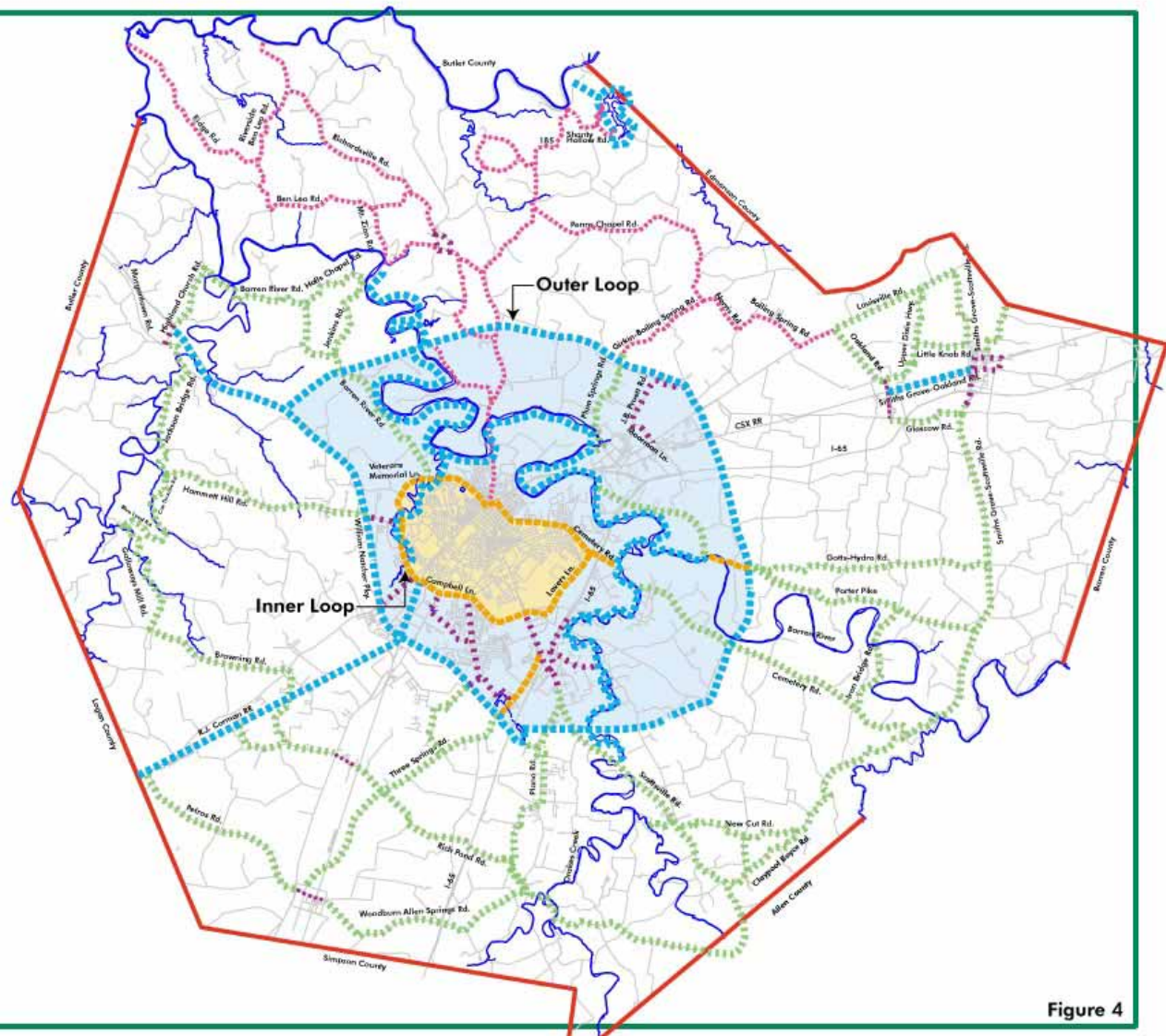
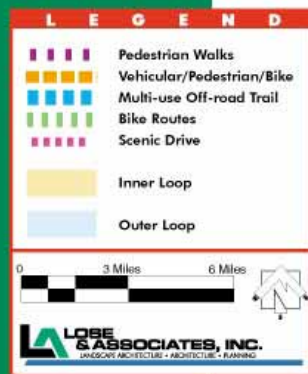
**UK STUDENT PRESENTATION, 1994**  
to City/County Officials and Operation PRIDE



**1994 VISION FROM UK STUDENTS**



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System  
Master  
Plan

Warren County  
and  
Bowling Green,  
Kentucky

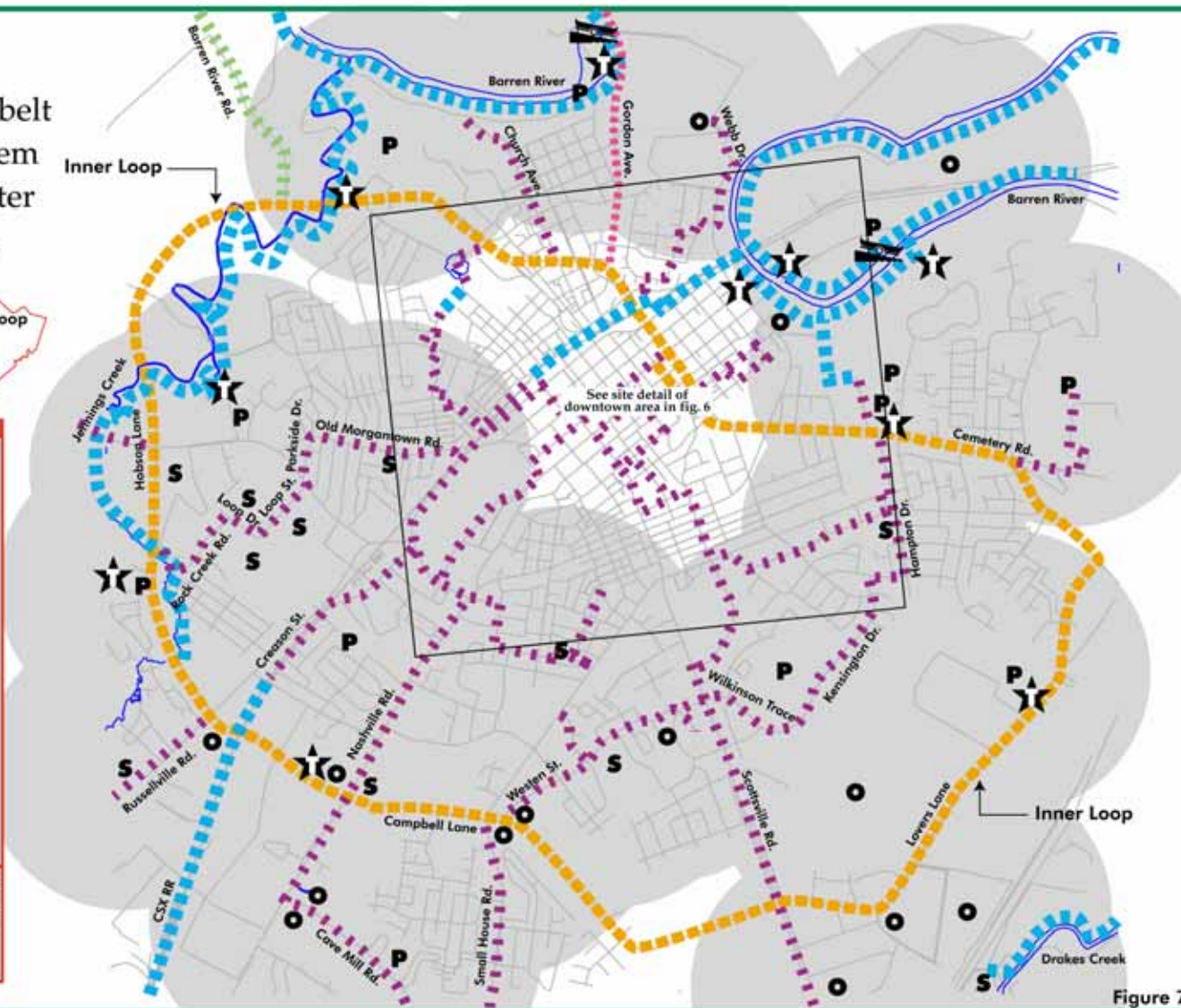
**Figure 4**

# 1999 GREENBELT SYSTEM MASTER PLAN



## Greenbelt System Master Plan

Warren County and Bowling Green, Kentucky



# URBAN INNER LOOP



# Greenbelt System Master Plan

Warren County and Bowling Green, Kentucky

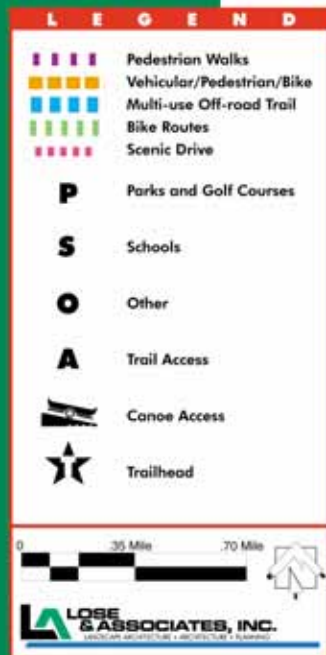


Figure 5

## PHASE ONE: Downtown to New Cemetery Road

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT MILESTONES

- 1994 UK Landscape Architects
- 1995 Formed Greenbelt Advisory Committee
- 1998 Developed Greenbelt Master Plan
- 1999 Adopted Master Plan
- 2000 Funded staff position
- 2001 Formed Greenways Commission
- 2002 Opened first trailhead
- 2003 Opened first greenway



# ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- Planning
  - Planning Commission
  - Neighborhood Action
- Operations
  - Public Works
  - Parks & Recreation
- Funding
- Public Relations

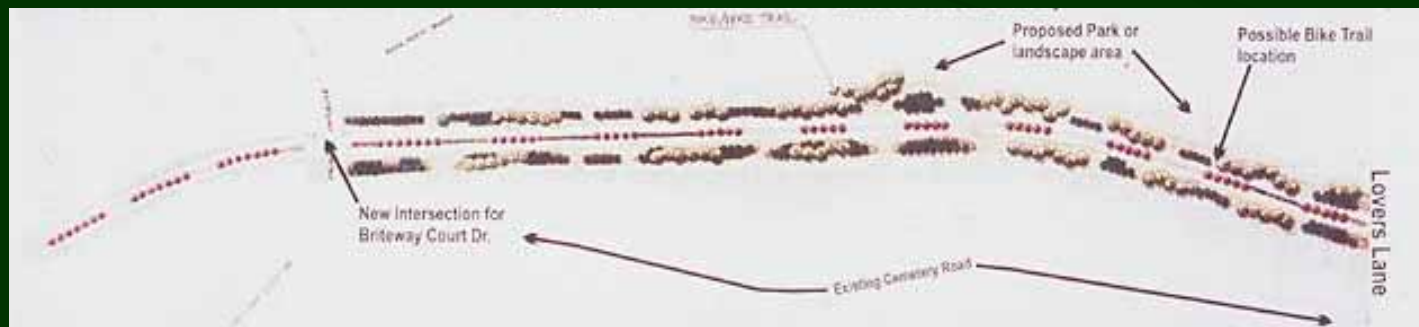
# CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION STANDARDS

- Subdivision Regulations: Street Design Standards
  - Sidewalks required in urban residential areas
  - 4' min. width, on both sides on collector streets
  - 4' min. width, on one side on local streets
- Comprehensive Plan: Residential Development
  - “All proposals ... should make provisions for implementation of the Greenbelt System Master Plan, where applicable or when identified in the plan.”

# ROLE OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET

- Education
  - Drive Smart campaign
- Planning
  - Public Input Process
  - MPO Guidance
- Funding!
  - Bike/Ped Facilities
  - TCSP Funds

# CEMETERY ROAD GREENWAY





# CEMETERY ROAD GRAND OPENING

## May, 2003



# CEMETERY ROAD REFORESTATION

## Partners:

Bowling Green Tree Board  
City-County Planning Commission  
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet  
Master Gardeners  
St. James United Methodist Church  
Operation PRIDE  
Greenways Commission

## Many thanks to the volunteers:

Frank and Matthew Warta  
Susan McCue  
Tina Coates  
Andy Gillies  
Ernie Gouvas  
Tom Hart  
and the entire Moore Family  
Jeff, Clarissa, Brianna, Bram & Jesse

## GREEN PROJECT



See story/Daily News

Jesse Moore (above), 5, of Bowling Green, digs a hole for a tree Saturday for one of the 25 new maple trees that were planted along Cemetery Road. Moore, who could barely see out of the hole, was there helping with his family. Right: Ernie Gouvas (left), Bowling Green Parks and Recreation Department director, and Tina Coates, Greenbelt Commission committee member, plant a new maple tree Saturday in the front yard of a home at Racquelle Court and Cemetery Road. See story, Page 3A.



# ROLE OF LOCAL NON-PROFITS

- PR & Marketing
- Master Planning
- Maintenance

# DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

- Leadership on riverfront development
- Downtown Revitalization Strategy





# OPERATION PRIDE



- Leadership on community vision
- Leadership on riverfront development
- Advocate for better I-65 interchange
- Raising funds and awareness for maintenance

# COLLEGE STREET BRIDGE, 2001



# RIVER WALK CELEBRATION





# RIVER WALK GRAND OPENING

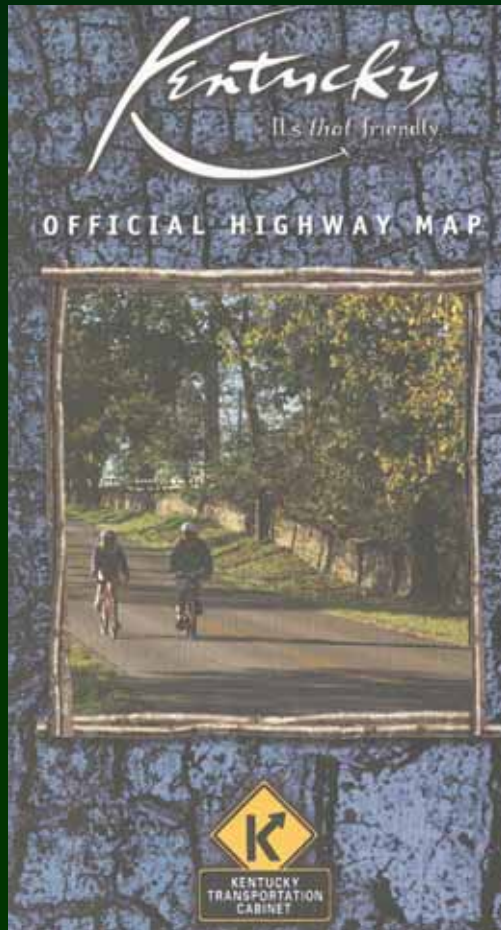
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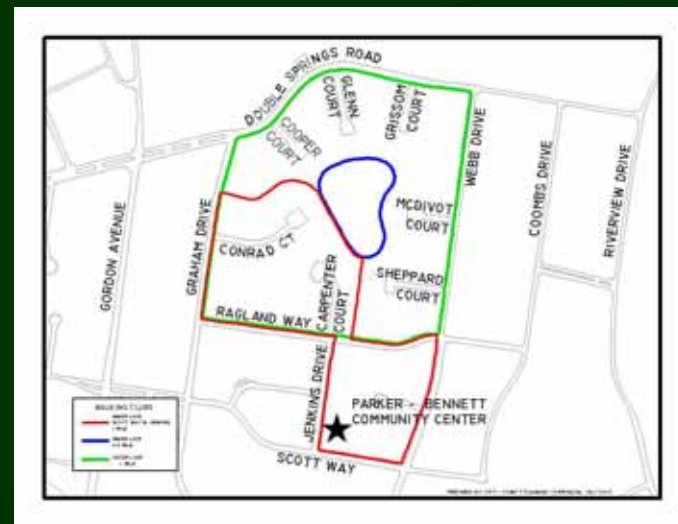
CHRISTMAS 2002



# MAPPING



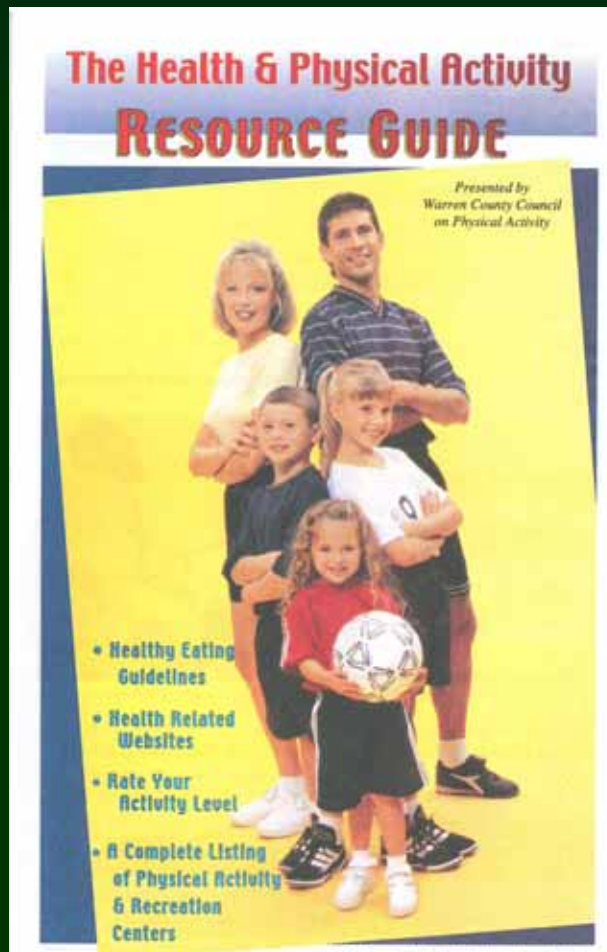
- KYTC for bike routes on state map
- Planning Commission for neighborhood maps



# HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

- Grant Writing
- Outreach Activities
- Community Walking Program

# WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



- Application to RWJF: “Active Living by Design”
- Family Fitness Fun Day
- Physical Activity Resource Guide



# COMMUNITY WALKING PROGRAM

[Home](#)  
[Registration Form](#)  
[Contact Information](#)



[Calendar of Walking Events](#)  
[Benefits of Exercise](#)  
[Beginning a Walking Program](#)  
[Improving Cardiovascular Fitness](#)  
[Shopping Guide for Walking Shoes](#)  
[Warming-Up & Cooling-Down](#)  
[How to Measure Your Own Route](#)  
[Walking for Weight Control](#)  
[Eating for Life](#)  
[Staying Motivated](#)

You and your family are invited to join The Medical Center Community Walking Program. Walking is one of the easiest ways to improve the cardiovascular health of your family. Simple, comfortable clothes and walking shoes are all that you need.

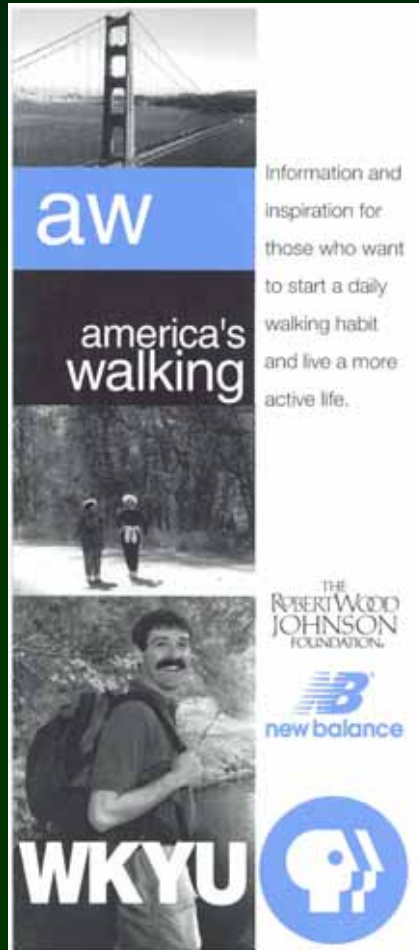
There is no fee to join, but participants are asked to complete a registration form. Each person will then be provided a card to log the miles he/she walks. When completed, the mileage log cards can be turned in for quarterly prize drawings. You can count the miles anywhere you walk including your neighborhood, the mall, treadmills, area parks with walking trails, and even while you're on vacation.

The Medical Center's Community Walking Program commends and supports the [Greenways Commission of Bowling Green and Warren County](#) which is building walking and biking trails throughout our communities.

<http://www.mcbg.org/CWP>



# WKYU-PBS



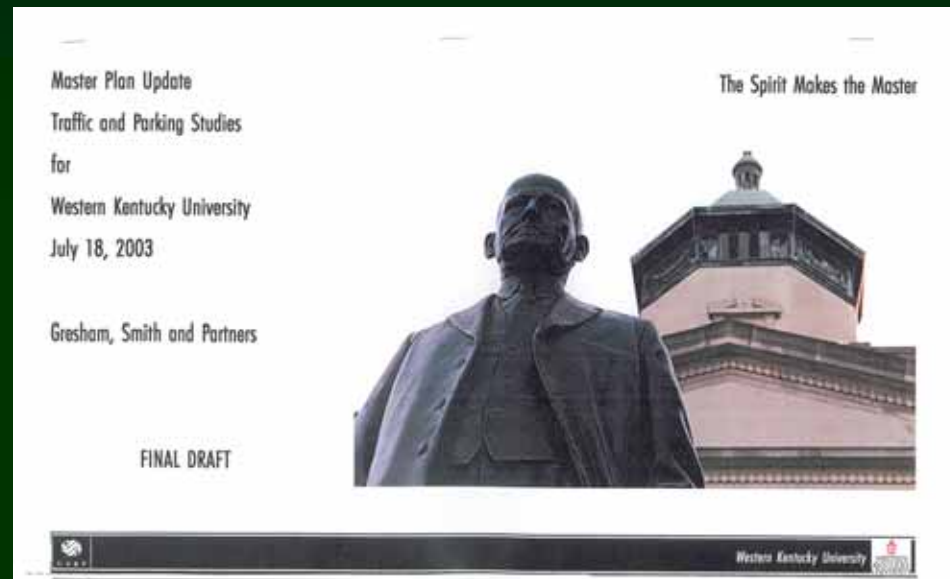
- Greenways Commission recommended and underwrote America's Walking
- WKYU received a grant to promote AW and local Greenways

# CONCURRENT MASTER PLANS

- Phase II Stormwater Permit: City
- Traffic Management Study: City
- Waterworks Upgrade: Private Utility
- Downtown Revitalization Strategy
- Campus Master Plan: University

# WKU MASTER PLAN UPDATE

- Advise In-house Master Planning Committee
- Emphasis on Pedestrian Core
- Incorporation of Bikeways
- Upcoming partnership with National Park Service' Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program



# WKU PLAN FOR BIKEWAYS



20 Year Pedestrian, Wayfinding, Greenspace, and Bike Route Plan

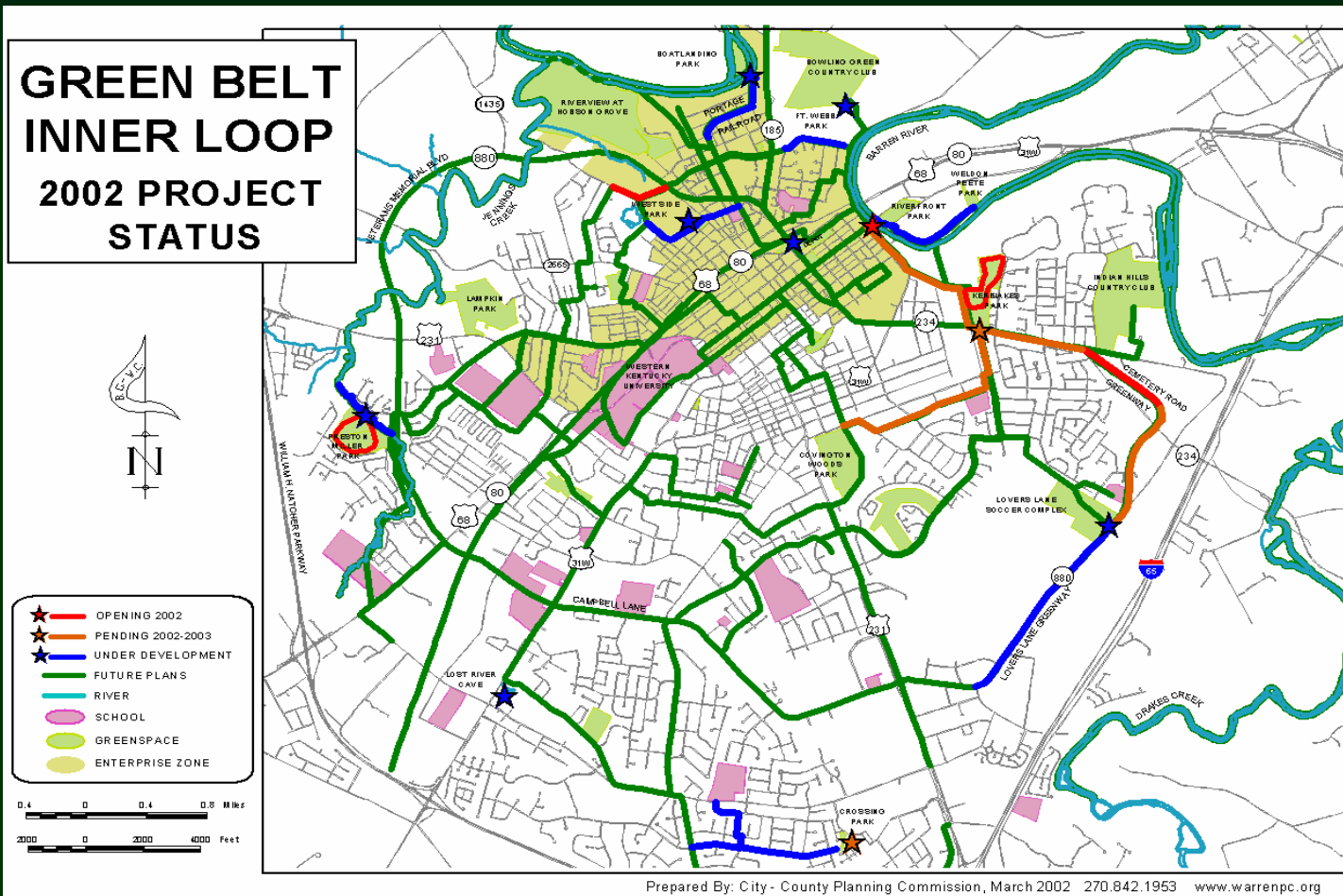




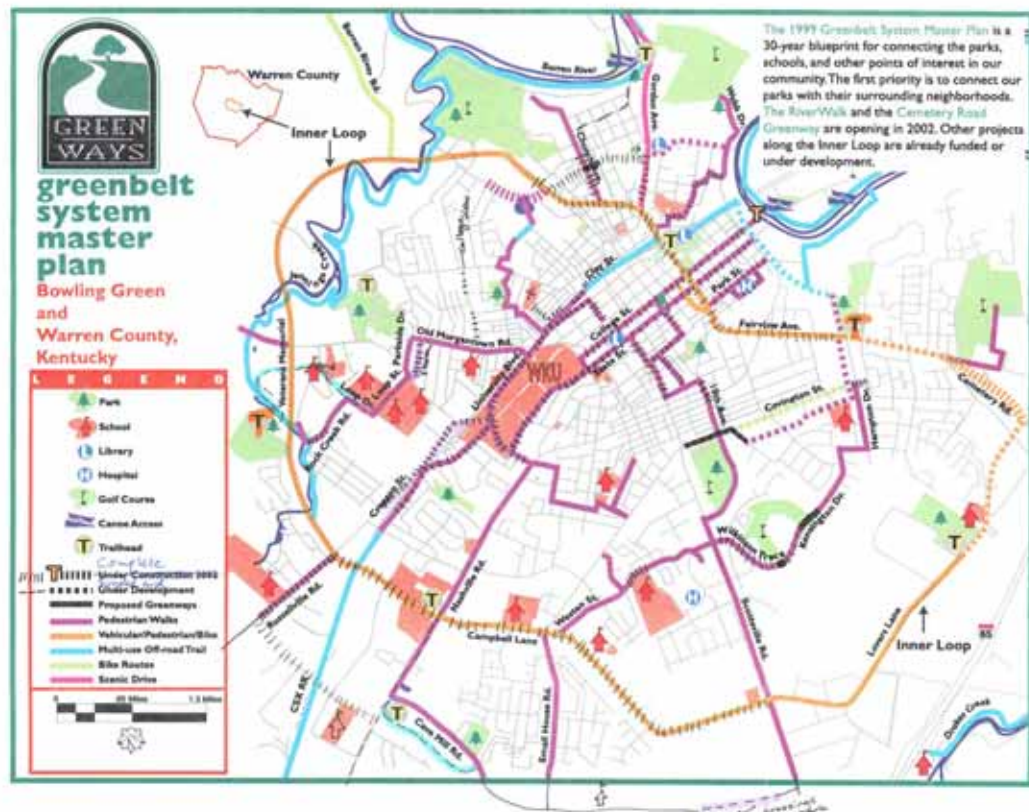
# PRIVATE PARTNERS

- Developers
- Gentleman Farmer
- Corporate Foundations

# TCSP FUNDING REQUEST



# STATUS



Complete  
d  
Funded  
Total

Past 5 years  
Next 5 years  
30 years

Mileage  
14 +  
23 +  
400 +

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# FUNDING SOURCES

- **Recreational Trails Program** 50:50 match
- **Land and Water Conservation Fund** 50:50 match
- **TEA-21 Transportation Enhancements** 80:20 match
- **Transportation & Community & System Preservation**  
Direct Appropriation no match
- **Private Donations**, including land  
To leverage grant funds; **More flexible** than grant funds